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*Nugget Walnut by Sierra Gold  
Jeweled Pendant by Grebitus & Son, Sacramento*



## Place orders now for Nugget and Carmelo

You (and we) might say "It's about time." Fact is, it seems like we've been apologizing ever since the first published reports of the amazing characteristics of our Nugget Walnut, and the Carmelo. Even before the names were selected, growers were asking for "Variety X," and "the big one," and it was apparent we had to use all available budwood to build a supply of trees. We invited orders, and promised priority to our customers. Last year limited numbers of both varieties were available, and some of the orders were filled. This season, unfilled orders will take most, if not all, of the stock on Paradox hybrid root (we're taking orders for next season), but we should have a limited supply of both Nugget and Carmelo on Northern California Black Walnut root. To refresh your memory, here are the facts.

**NUGGET.** A C. E. Sullivan development, Nugget test records show more than a ton per acre in the sixth year in 30 x 30 plantings. Tests show production exceeding present standard varieties. Nuts are 99% large, Diamond quality. Meats light colored. Shell-out about 53%, 10% to 23% better than Franquette and Hartley. Minimum order 50 trees. 20% deposit with orders.

**CARMELO.** Also a Sullivan Variety, Carmelo produces nuts as large as small peaches. Recommended for gift pack or specialty purchases. Good commercial producer but would require special handling, particularly in hulling, due to its size.

## Apples, Plums, Cherries

Yes, and pears, apricots, and prunes, too, some already booked, but ask us about your requirements anyway. Nearly fifty different varieties, each available on one to three different rootstocks. Our finest stock in years, with budwood taken from orchards known for quality and heavy production.

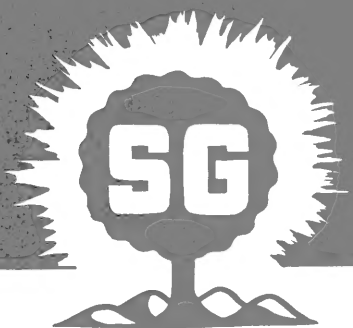
## New Davey Almond

We have fairly good supplies of the new "small kernel" Davey, but due to heavy demand on all almond varieties better not wait too long in ordering. All trees are from our Mt. Pleasant growing grounds, foothill-grown in decomposed granite soil, with superbly-developed root systems.



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# *2 Great New Walnut Varieties*



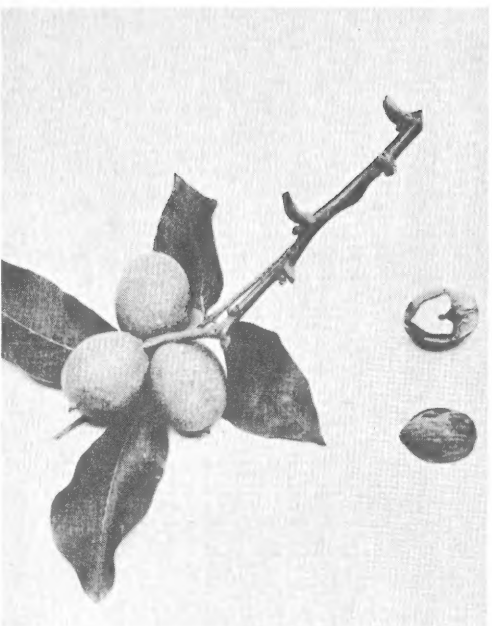
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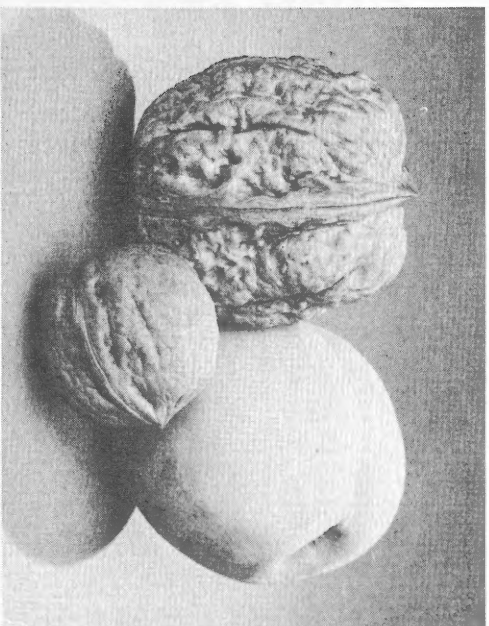


# THESE ARE THE WALNUTS THAT GROWERS ARE TALKING ABOUT



## *nugget*

**NUGGET** is shown here in the twig and in cross-section. A vigorous tree, coming into commercial production the fifth year, and bearing more than a ton per acre in its sixth year (30 foot planting) with Diamond quality



**CARMELO** is outstanding for its size and beautiful large white meats. Wonderful for gift pack and specialty selling. Good commercial producer and fine home garden variety.

Nugget, previously referred to as our "Variety X", is a cross of leading walnut varieties, being Payne with a possible admixture of Hartley and Eureka. The nut has the oval shape of Eureka with a small flange characteristic of Payne, and presents a very pleasing appearance. The nut has run 99% large size orchard run and has been consistently of Diamond quality. It is well filled with a light-colored meat, and a shell-out of 53% meat. This compares with a shell-out of 43% for the Hartley and 48% for the Franquette. The per cent shell-out will become increasingly important for growers as more and more walnuts are marketed in shelled form. The shell of Nugget is strong and well sealed.

### HEAVY PRODUCER

The tree will produce nuts in the second year, but is considered to come into commercial bearing in the fifth year, and by test records it has produced 46 lbs. of dried nuts in the sixth year. The tree leafs out in the spring just ahead of Hartley, and from a week to two weeks after Payne. Its relatively late leafing date enables it to miss a good portion of the spring rains and frosts. Nugget has shown practically no blight or sunburn, even during the 1953 and 1954 seasons, when a good deal of blight and sunburn damaged standard varieties. The nut harvests in the fall again just ahead of Hartley, or 10 to 14 days after Payne.

### VIGOROUS GROWER

The tree is a vigorous grower with a growth habit similar to the Hartley, being slightly larger than a Hartley of the same age. On Paradox Hybrid root it is considerably more thrifty and prolific. All in all the Nugget is an excellent commercial variety, being an improvement in almost every respect over any of our present standard varieties.

## *carmelo*

Carmelo is outstanding because of its exceptionally large size, about twice the size of an average walnut. It is a well filled nut of good quality. The cross is Payne and possible Bijou, and characteristics of both varieties show in the Carmelo. The size and shape are of Bijou, while the early and prolific bearing are characteristic of Payne. The tree leafs out slightly later than Nugget, and harvests about the same time. It is a vigorous growing tree and has shown little blight and sunburn. Due to the extremely large size of the nut we recommend Carmelo as a novelty and home orchard variety. However, it can be grown very successfully as a commercial nut but would require special handling, particularly in hulling, due to its size.

# The story behind Nugget and Carmelo

*by Walter Berg*

The Nugget and Carmelo walnuts were developed by Mr. C. E. Sullivan of Yuba City in an effort to produce varieties particularly suited to growing conditions of Central and Northern California. Starting with over 300 experimental crosses, during a period of ten years these were narrowed down to a mere handful, of which the Nugget and Carmelo proved to be outstanding. In co-operation with the Yuba City local of the California Walnut Growers Association, records were kept on all varieties during the experimental period. Included was data on parentage, blooming and harvest dates, production, percentage of meat, quality of meat, quality of shell, size, resistance to plant diseases, and other factors. A brief description of both varieties is given inside.

## about your order

Tests are now complete, and we are taking orders for Nugget and Carmelo. Trees are on Northern California Black Walnut Root, with a limited number on Paradox Hybrid. In order to supply growers genuinely interested in establishing a commercial planting, the minimum order for Nugget will be 50 trees. Order Carmelo in any quantity. Budwood and scion wood are available for orchard budding and grafting.

U.S. Plant Patents #1475 (Nugget) and #1476 (Carmelo) have been granted, and sole propagating rights are assigned to Sierra Gold Nurseries. An agreement signifying compliance with Patent Law is required of buyers. Growers interested in Nugget and Carmelo are invited to write or call for our current price list and this agreement form.

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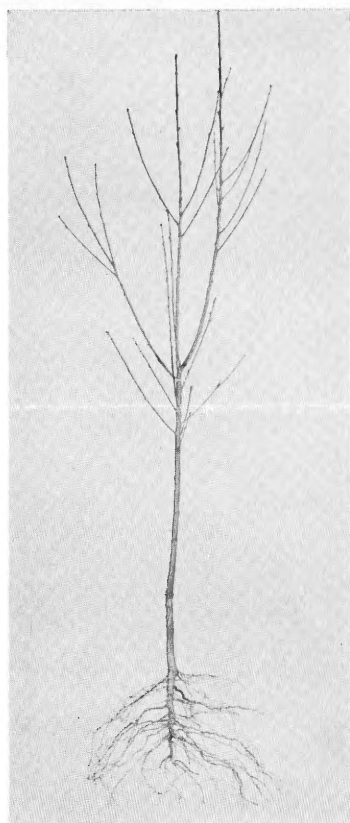
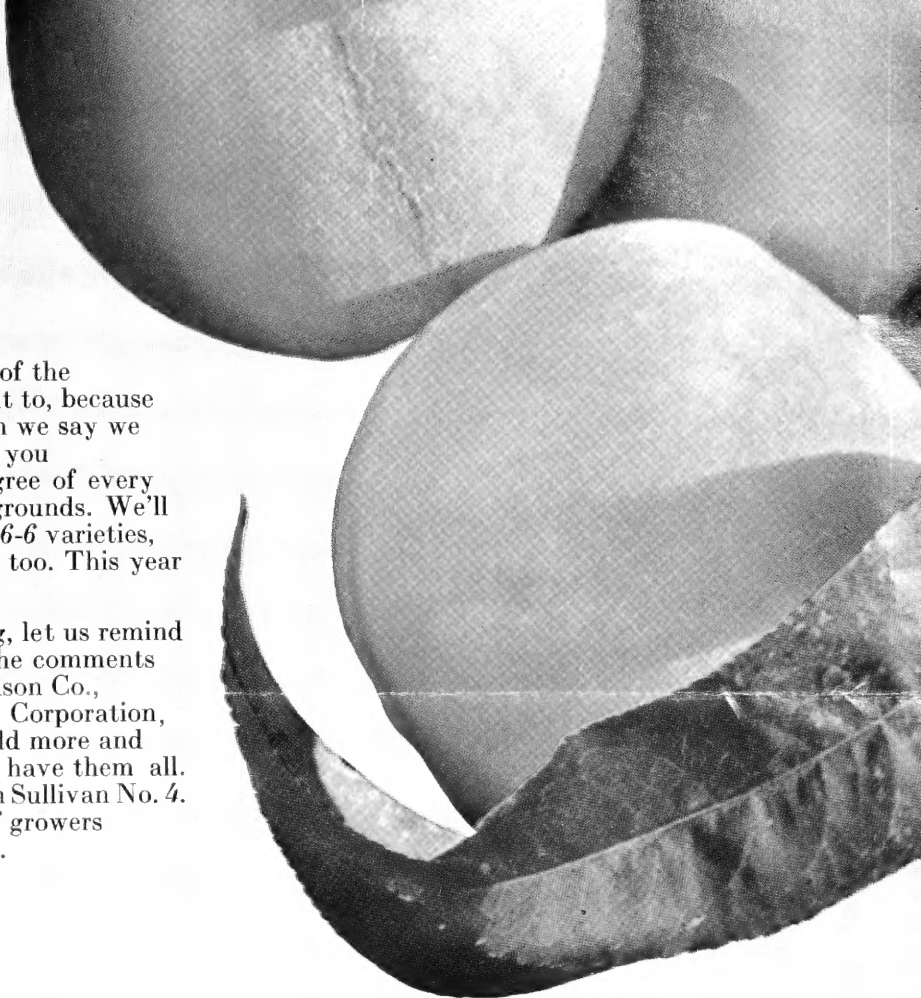




## Yes, we're proud of our 1957 peaches

You'll find peaches from Sierra Gold in many of the state's finest orchards. We know peaches. Ought to, because we're growers as well as nurserymen, and when we say we have some of the best trees we've ever offered, you can be sure they're good. We know the pedigree of every tree in every row and block of our growing grounds. We'll have a good supply of the new Vivian and Dix 6-6 varieties, or ask for *any* of the top varieties. June buds, too. This year we expect to have enough.

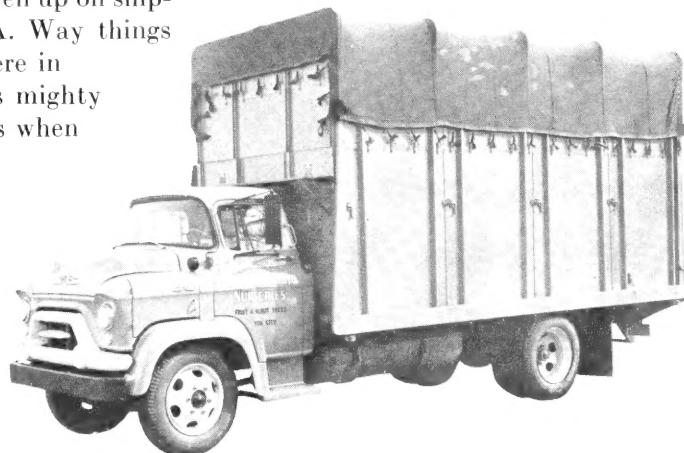
**SULLIVAN # 4.** If you're planting a late cling, let us remind you again of this superb peach. You've read the comments of David House, president of the Frank M. Wilson Co., and Samuel Shannon, of California Packing Corporation, in our past folders. The Sullivan No. 4 will yield more and better fruit than any of the late clings, and we have them all. For the past two years we've sold out early on Sullivan No. 4. Order early if you want this variety. Names of growers who've switched to Sullivan No. 4 on request.



This is a Sierra Gold June Bud. Note the well-developed root system, straight bud union and trunk.

## Quality planting material rushed to you by truck

You say "when" and we do our best to make delivery according to your planting schedule. If you are in California, Sierra Gold trucks like the one below will deliver direct to your ranch. Out-of-state shipments go by motor truck or express. We used to say "we ship anywhere," but the red tape got so bad we've given up on shipments outside the U.S.A. Way things are going, our friends here in California alone keep us mighty busy. Stop in and see us when you're near Yuba City.



# COMMERCIAL PRICE LIST FOR TREES 1957-58

Family Orchard Trees, all varieties, \$1.50 per tree.

## JUNE BUDS on Lovell Peach Root

### YEARLINGS

	3/16	1/4	5/16	3/8	1/2	5/8	3/4
ALMOND { on Peach .....	.50	.55	.65	.70	.75	.80	.85
on Almond .....	.60	.65	.70	.75	.80	.85	.90
on Marianna 2624 .....	.60	.65	.75	.80	.85	.90	.95
APPLE & PEAR .....	.65	.70	.75	.80	.90	1.00	1.10
APRICOT on Apricot, Marianna & Peach .....	.50	.60	.70	.75	.85	.95	1.00
CHERRY on Mazzard & Mahaleb .....	.70	.75	.80	.95	1.05	1.15	1.25
PEACH & NECTARINE on Lovell Peach .....	.50	.55	.65	.70	.75	.80	.85
PLUM { on Myrobalan & Marianna .....	.60	.65	.75	.80	.85	.90	.95
on Peach .....	.50	.55	.65	.70	.75	.80	.85
PRUNE on Myrobalan, Myrobalan 29c or on Marianna 2624 .....	.60	.65	.75	.80	.85	.90	.95
SEEDLINGS { Lovell Peach .....		.20	.20	.25	.35	.40	.45
Myrobalan, Myro 29c, Marianna 2624 .....		.30	.35	.40	.45	.50	.60
Cherry & Pear .....		.35	.40	.50	.60	.65	.70

### SEEDLINGS

Size	Northern Calif. Black	Paradox Hybrid
Under 1'	---	\$1.00
1 - 2'	---	1.25
2 - 3'	.70	1.50
3 - 4'	.75	1.75
4 - 6'	.80	2.00
6 - 8'	.85	2.25
8 - 10'	.90	2.50

		3-4'	4-6'	6-8'	8-10'	10-12'	12' & up
WALNUTS on Northern California Black, all varieties except Nugget & Carmelo. ....	1-9	2.75	3.25	3.50	3.75	4.00	4.25
	10-49	2.50	3.00	3.25	3.50	3.75	4.00
	50 & up	2.25	2.75	3.00	3.25	3.50	3.75
CARMELO on Northern California Black .....	1-9	4.50	5.00	5.25	5.50	5.75	6.00
	10-49	4.00	4.50	4.75	5.00	5.25	5.50
NUGGET* & CARMELO .....	50 & up	3.75	4.25	4.50	4.75	5.00	5.25

For any  
Walnut variety  
on Paradox  
Hybrid add  
\$1.25 per tree

\*Nugget available only in lots of 50 or more.

### PLUM on Myrobalan, Marianna and Lovell peach root

Duarte	Nubiana
Eldorado	President
Jefferson	Red Roy
Laroda	Queene Anne
Late Duarte	Santa Rosa
Late Santa Rosa	Sugar
Late Tragedy	Tragedy

### APRICOT on Apricot, Peach and Marianna root

Blenheim	Tilton
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### ALMOND on Almond, Peach and \*Marianna root

*Davey	*Ne Plus
Drake	Nonpareil
I.X.L.	*Peerless
*Jordanolo	*Texas

### PEARS on French pear root

Bartlett	Beurre Hardy
Early Bartlett	

### PRUNE on Myrobalan, Myrobalan 29C and Marianna 2624 root

French	Robe
Imperial	

### PEACH-FREESTONE on Lovell Peach root \*Available as June buds also

Babcock	Miller's Late
Bonita	Nectar
Early Crawford	Paradise
*Elberta	Red Haven
*Fay Elberta	Rio Oso Gem
Golden Jubilee	Rubidoux
Halehaven	Strawberry Free
Indian Free	Ventura
Kim Elberta	

### PEACH-CLINGSTONE on Lovell peach root. All available as June Buds

Andora	Paloro
Carolyn	Peak
Corona	Shasta
Cortez	Sims
Dix 6-6	Starn
Fortuna	Stuart
Gaume	Sullivan #4
Halford	Vivian
Johnson	Wiser
Loadel	

### NECTARINE on Lovell Peach root

Goldmine	Quetta
Gower	Stanwick
John Rivers	

### CHERRY on Mazzard and Mahaleb

Bing	Lambert
Black Tartarian	Royal Anne
English Morello	Van
Early Richmond	

### APPLE on Apple root

Double Red	Winesap
Delicious	Winter Banana
Red Gravenstein	Yellow Delicious
Ruby Red Rome	Yellow Newtown
Beauty	Pippin

### WALNUT on Northern California Black and Paradox Hybrid root

Carmelo	Mautner
Eureka	Nugget
Franquette	Payne
Hartley	Waterloo

Nursery located 5 miles south of Yuba City on the Garden Highway



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